

Arthur Oregon
April 7th 1891

Dear Mr. Watson

Your letter of March 18th
is at hand

I find the whole set of
Nasturtiums here very puzzling
and send them to you to see what
you can make of them.

As to the *N. sinuatum*?, that
I sent you in 1884 it appeared to
be a stray from up the Columbia,
I did not see it myself, it was
collected by my brother on a sandy
piece of ground at the mouth of the
Willamette river, he was ~~then~~ took
it to be *N. sinuatum* and collected
but little of it and that only
in flower so I have no better
specimens than what we sent you,

and but one specimen of it left
I have had no doubt of its being
N. sinuatum, as it agrees well with
Nuttall's description, but on com-
paring it with a specimen I
have from Colorado it appears
to be a very different thing.

Perhaps this is typical and what
you have from other places is
some thing else. I shall keep
a lookout for it this season
and see if I can find it in
fruit. I think perhaps No. 1334
(sent herewith) is Nuttall's *N. cernuum*
as it answers the description pretty
well and grows in ponds sometimes.

My brother is at home most
of the time now, you was mistaken
about his going to the Sandwich
Islands, it was I that was going, but
my Mother died just as I was getting
ready to start so I had to postpone
the trip, and have never had time to do the
since
Yours
Thos. Howell